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NEW HIGHPOINT EDITORS CHOSEN

As of this issue, a number of changes have been made in the editorial staff of **Highpoint.** The following editors with new titles are pictured above: (left to right) Michael Grecco, Assistant Editor; Hope Parisi, Copy Editor; Thomas LiPari, Photography Editor; Zena Baygin, News Editor; Glen Olsen, Feature Editor; John Coppola, Assistant Editor; Damien O'Donnell, Photography Editor.

PAUL SOFFING WINS SCHOLARSHIP

The Office of Financial Aid of St. John's University has announced that Paul Soffing of the senior class has been awarded a Competitive Scholarship to the university effective for the Fall 1978 semester, as a result of the recent Annual Competitive Scholarship Examinations which were held on October 22 and November 19,1977.

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JACK JOHNSON RETIRES

Gregory Perrin

Too often in a school such as Bishop Ford where there are so many people employed, members of the community, regardless of how devoted they are, go unpraised and overlooked. This article is dedicated to Jack Johnson, one such individual who, after years of faithful service, has retired from our community.

One of the most important and greatly used services provided by the school is the cafeteria. Most students are aware of the people who work in the cafeteria, but few realize the hard and trying hours these loyal and devoted individuals put in. Jack Johnson served the students of both the former and the new school for 12 years.

Unfortunately, however, as is the case in so many circumstances in life, although Jack was appreciated while he was with us, we, the students, never took the time to say thank you.

At this time the members of the **Highpoint** staff would like to thank Jack for his many years of service and extend to him our hopes that all of his future undertakings be successful.

SKI FUNDS MISSING

John A. Barnes

On Wednesday, November 30, 1977, the money deposited by the Seniors of Bishop Ford towards their Ski Trip was stolen in broad daylight from the Office of Student Activities.

The money, in the amount of $1,452.00 in cash and checks, apparently disappeared from the office occupied by Bro. Shane Burke, who is the Director of Student Activities here at Ford. "It seems to have happened on the afternoon of the 30th," Brother said. "One moment it was there, and then it wasn't."

It seems the money was contained in a folder or envelope and was laying on Brother's desk in his third-floor office all day at the time of the theft. Brother, according to his own statement, had never left the office and the money at any time during the day.

This raises many questions as to how the theft was accomplished. After all, if the folder containing the money was in plain sight, the contents hidden from view, with Brother Shane present at the time, obviously, the thief would have to have known what he was doing

Not so, Brother says. He adds the quite plausible theory that the theft, far from being planned, was accidental and unintentional. "During the day," Brother said, "Students are constantly moving in and out of my office. When they come in, they often place their books on my desk. It's very possible that a student placed his books down on my desk and when he was leaving, inadvertently picked up the folder along with his books."

What this means is that the robbery was technically an "inside" job, but not intentional. Apparently, the thief, whoever he (or she) was, finally discovered the money and, unfortunately, was not motivated by conscience to return it. "I am shocked that such a thing could happen in a Catholic school," said a highly placed administration official.

Now that the cash is gone, however, and there seems to be little chance the money will be recovered intact, if at all, the administration has had to go about replacing the lost deposits. Since the money had to be replaced immediately to fulfill the requirements of the ski equipment company, an emergency loan from the school's general funds was arranged to save the outing from cancellation. Now, it is Brother Shane's unenviable position to come up with an idea to replenish the coffers of the administration. Brother doesn't have "the foggiest" idea of how to go about this task, but it is universally agreed that some sort of fund-raising campaign will be necessary.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

Hope Parisi

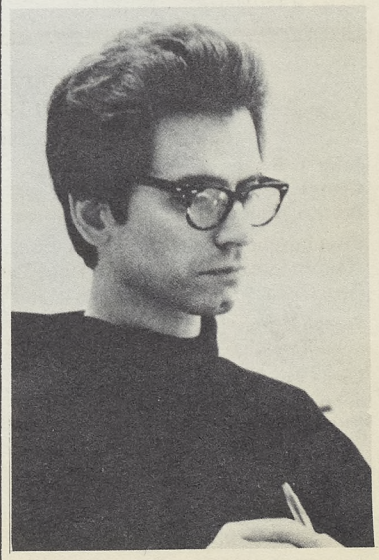
The goal of Catholic education here at Ford is described in the pastoral, "To teach as Jesus did." A vital part of this goal is the focus of the Christian Service Program (C.S.P.): "To develop commitment and skill in serving others." The program provides juniors and seniors with the opportunity to donate their services to one of many agencies or institutions. One school day per week, students report directly to the agency to which they have been assigned, rather than to school.

Scholastic ability is a priority in considering eligibility (applicants must average at least 75% in all subjects), but it is not the only factor. Students must have a reputable standing in the Bishop Ford community. Dependability is important. How important? "We trust you enough that we give you a school day! That's how important!" says Moderator Brother Francis Stelte, O.S.F. Remember, volunteers must assume full responsibility for all classwork and assignments missed during their absence. They do not receive preferential treatment from teachers.

Though C.S.P. may involve various vocations, in no way is it meant to be career oriented. And so, according to Brother Francis, some students see the program as a disappointment. "They find themselves in a hospital situation where they cannot play doctor, or in a school situation where they cannot play teacher." Then again, there are enthusiasts who find satisfaction in their work from the very beginning.

Brother feels the success of the program can be judged from two different angles. If one goes by the number of participants, statistics do not prove it to be too successful. In the program's six years of operation, the count has usually hovered around twenty students. This year Brother has received approximately ten applications. He attributes this low figure to parental objection, perhaps, or student apathy... he is not certain. But, when considering solely the purpose of C.S.P., Brother Francis feels the program would be successful even if just one student participated.

Recipient agencies are usually quite impressed by the service of Ford students. In the past, they have written many letters of commendation. In the future, they count on the vital aid Ford students give so generously.



Brother Francis Stelte, O.S.F.

THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST

Father Bob

"Religion ought to stay in church! I can't see why they meddle in politics and in peoples' personal lives." Sound familiar? Most of us have heard something like this at one time or another. Or maybe we've expressed it ourselves. And at first sight it seems reasonable enough. Doesn't religion in fact belong in church? After all, isn't religion supposed to deal with our souls? And that means praying, reading the Bible, receiving the sacraments and maybe a weekend Retreat. Right?

We certainly cannot argue with the fact that these things connected with the Church, are indeed religious, or spiritual. But is that where being a Christian ends? Being Christian means having the same spirit Christ had. And when we look to the Scriptures to find the attitudes of Jesus, we find that he wasn't concerned only with peoples' souls, but with the whole person. Full human development, justice and peace are very important to him.

The gospels are filled with social teachings, ideas that touch peoples' personal lives. Often enough Jesus' ideas are contrary to generally accepted thinking. In the Beautitudes he said blessed (or happy) are those who are poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted and those who long for justice. Jesus is unwilling to use society's standard of success: "...the last will be first and the first will be last." He is sensitive to the poor. For the widow whose tiny donation seemed so insignificant, Jesus has words of praise for her generosity, without hinting that she must be lazy and shiftless to be so poor.

The parables of Jesus reflect the same attitudes. The sin of Dives, the rich man, was not that he was brutal or unjust to Lazarus, the poor man. In fact, he didn't really harm the poor man in any way. The sin of the rich man was that he didn't even see the poor man; that he passed him by every day and never even noticed him. Comfortable in his riches, Dives didn't have to care about this poor man, or any poor man. And he died and was buried in hell! (Luke 16: 19-31)

Some would explain away this parable by saying that the point is that those who suffer will be rewarded in heaven, and so they should suffer patiently on earth. And of course Christianity does hold for a future life of complete fulfillment and happiness. But we cannot use this view to excuse injustice and unnecessary suffering in this world. The parable of Lazarus and Dives is just as interested in exposing the sin of the rich man as in stating the reward of the poor man. Our belief in eternal life is not to make us less interested in improving this world. In fact, this belief should give us hope and courage to keep on trying even when others give up in fatigue or despair. This is the challenge Jesus gives us. "Whatever you do to one of these least important brothers of mine, you do for me." (Matt. 25:40)

Faithfulness to the gospel, to the spirit of Christ, calls us to a justice that goes even beyond the letter of the law. In the parable of the servant who was forgiven a great debt by his master and then is merciless to another servant who owes him just a little, the servant is within his rights. "Law-and-Order justice" would be able to find no fault with him. But Jesus does, because he calls for justice which is colored with kindness.

We have a similar situation when the woman is caught in the act of adultery. Jesus knows the Law, which calls for the woman to be stoned to death, but he also has mercy. And the good of the person is always his first priority. The Pharisees, on the other hand, were always very much aware of the sexual sins of individuals: the sins of the adultress, the prostitute, etc. Yet they were blind to the injustices heaped on the poor, the lepers, the widows and the orphans. And what is Jesus' reaction? The prostitutes will enter heaven before they do!

Let me conclude these thoughts with a quote from the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council: "(Those people are mistaken) who think that religion consists in acts of worship alone and in fulfilling certain moral obligations and who imagine that they can become involved in the affairs of the world in such a way that they are completely separated from the religious life **(The Church in the Modern World)**. To come back to the original question, then: "Shouldn't religion stay in church?" My answer would be, "Not if you hope to be a Christian!"

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FRANKIE FALCON:

BROKEN PROMISES, NOT LIMBS

Of all the traditions at Ford, the senior trip is one of the most enjoyable for the graduating class. It is an outing every Ford student looks forward to. The trip gives the students a chance to enjoy a fun-filled weekend with friends they have acquired at Ford.

This year the senior class boarded the buses on 6 January in good spirits and left for what they thought would be a great weekend filled with limitless activities in addition to skiing. When they arrived at the hotel they found that practically the only activity they had available to them was skiing. The activities they didn't get which they had been promised were ice skating, bowling, tobogganing and dancing. Although there was a lounge with disco music, there were no girls to dance with! So, the seniors could only sit and listen to the music. After a while they began to get restless and caused certain disturbances in the hotel. As a result, they were asked to leave the hotel earlier than they had planned. When the seniors returned to school, some of them were temporarily suspended and a few were expelled.

We, the editors of **Highpoint**, feel all must realize that whenever a large group of students get together there's bound to be some mischief. We're sure the chaperones of any high school outing of such dimensions are aware of this. They are usually willing to let certain situations--within reason--go unnoticed. But what do you do when you have a bored bunch of restless seniors on your hands who are beginning to misbehave? Do you forget about it, punish some of them, or punish the group as a whole? We feel that if there had been more activities to keep the students occupied, they would not have gotten into so much trouble. But this is all "blood under the bridge" now, and we must learn from our mistakes for the future.

On 3 February the juniors were scheduled to go on a ski trip, but, because of the bad experience they had with the last trip, the student council decided to cancel the junior trip. As a substitute, the student council is thinking of going on a trip to Florida during the Easter vacation. If the hotel in Florida lives up to its advertising, this trip should turn out to be a very enjoyable, trouble-free one, with no one returning to Ford disappointed, student or chaperone.

The behavior of some students on the senior ski trip was unacceptable. But so was the fact that so many of the promised activities never materialized. **Caveat emptor.**

INQUIRING REPORTER

John Randone

Question: "What is your opinion of the present dress code?"

Philip Crapa, 104: "I feel that the dress code is a bit strict. I would like to see it changed."

Laura Vaccaro, 115: "In my opinion the dress code is unfair to the girls because the boys don't have to wear a uniform."

Sal Pernice, 207: "I think we should go back to last year's dress code. But we should take it a little more seriously."

Eileen Matthews, 206: "IT'S NOT FAIR!"

John Panicali, 307: "In my opinion the dress code is rather reasonable to the boys of Bishop Ford. But it could be improved."

Anne Tuminello, 309: "I feel that we, as juniors, shouldn't wear the vests and school blouses. They should give us a 'dress-up day' every other Friday."

Joe Quirke, 406: "I like the dress code for myself because I like to dress up this way. But I feel sorry for the kids who are used to wearing corduroy pants."

Joe Ienuso, 404: "I don't mind getting dressed up this way. Also, it gives the school a touch of class."

STUDENTS SPEAK OUT

To the Editor:

As I would imagine is the case with most seniors at the present, I am quite annoyed at Brother Alphonsus' attempt to mislead the senior class on Wednesday, 1 February. The assembly, as it was called, was more in the line of a memorial to vaudeville rather than an open discussion between mature adults. I am sure the intentions of Brother Alphonsus were sincere; however, when confronted by the seniors' questions, he came as close to the answers as have the Russians to the moon.

There is no way possible that the actions which occurred in the cafeteria on one particular day during exams can be condoned; however, and I do lean heavily on the "however," in my opinion the administration should not concern itself so much with who was involved, but rather with why the incident occurred. As a member of the senior class, the answer is clear to me: the seniors involved, whoever they may be, were avenging the wrongs done to them this academic year. If we, the seniors, men and women of seventeen and eighteen years of age, are of legal age and responsible enough to drive cars or, in the event of war, to put our lives on the line, I see no reason why the complete control of the dress code should be in the hands of the faculty and administration, rather than in the hands of the seniors themselves. During the assembly it was again brought to the attention of Brother Alphonsus that a certain newly appointed disciplinary officer was harassing the seniors beyond any acceptable measure. The students went on to say that because of the severely strict and one-sided demerit system, they cannot defend their rights against such harassment.

I would guess that the administration will allow the year to close without making any decisions that would favor the senior class in these matters.

Gregory Perrin, 406
9 February 1978

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter because I deserve the right to defend myself and **Highpoint** against the letters written in reference to the editorial "Dress Right?" (**Highpoint**, September-October, 1977).

In that editorial I expressed the general attitude shared by some of the staff of **Highpoint** on the matter of the new dress code. If that view happened to be the same as that of the administration, it was purely coincidental.

If there are any complaints against the new dress code, the students of Bishop Ford are free to voice them in **Highpoint.**

It was never my purpose when writing the editorial to "cover up" the complaints against the dress code, but merely to provide a different point of view on the subject.

Roy Galifi, 304
10 February 1978

FORD TUTORS AID CLASSMATES

Glen Olsen

Brother Francis Stelte O.S.F. is in charge of the Tutoring Club, a program to help students who are having difficulty with certain subjects. All tutoring is done after school on Monday , Wednesday and Friday in room 126 for twenty to thirty minutes.

The Tutoring Club is a service provided by students who do all the tutoring themselves. The basic philosophy of the club is that people who do well are asked to help those who don't do as well. Brother Francis feels that we are a Christian school and should encourage people to share their talents.

People who achieve academic excellence or first honors are asked by Brother Francis to help those students who need help, although anyone interested in tutoring is welcome. Almost all subjects are tutored, from accounting to zoology. Students can tutor any number of students they wish, but are requested to have at least an 85% average in those courses.

This year there are twenty-nine tutors distributed over the three days, but there are forty-eight being tutored. Brother Francis is disappointed at all the talented students who are unwilling to help others academically, but he is very appreciative of those who do help.

Students are constantly being asked to get involved in school activities. Tutoring is an extracurricular activity, and while you are helping others learn, you are also helping yourself learn. Anyone willing to accept the challenge of the Tutoring Club, or wishing to be tutored, should contact Brother Francis.

GET AHEAD

Maria Salustio
and
Christine Babick

Your haircut influences everything that comes after. A haircut does not only determine the length but, most importantly, the shape of your hair. A blunt cut--hair trimmed off at the same level--encourages straightness, while tapered hair wants to curl. In most cases, different types of hair require a certain amount of bluntness or tapering.

Since a basic haircut influences the way the hair behaves, it is important that you get a hairdresser with a good reputation. You can get advice from a friend whose hair you admire.

Growing hair may vary from strand to strand, however, before you even know it, the best haircuts are out of shape (you may tell by the hedge that may need trimming). Normal hair grows approximately an inch a month, long hair needs trimming at least every two months, and short hair may need trimming every three or four weeks.

Girls, if you'd like to change the course of your hair, you can, as you probably already know. For example, if you have limp hair that won't hold any form or shape, even in a set, or if you yearn for a tumble of curls and they don't come naturally--in short, you can change your hair from straight to un-straight. The solution for this problem is a permanent wave.

The basic process of a permanent is that the hair is wound on rods or rollers. The waving solution softens the hair so the curlers can make a lasting impression and the neutralizer stops the waving action and locks it into its new form. There are three types of permanent wave: the body perm, the all-over perm and the spot perm.

Problem girls with curley hair can have it straightened; instead of using rods or rollers, the hair is straightened, smoothed and pulled straight. Straightened hair does benefit enormously from regular conditioning treatments and from the right measurements.

Hair is very important to the beauty of your face. It can add beauty to your face or subtract from it. Therefore, it is important that your hair get the proper care.

THIRD ORDER "FRAT" THRIVES

Michael Grecco

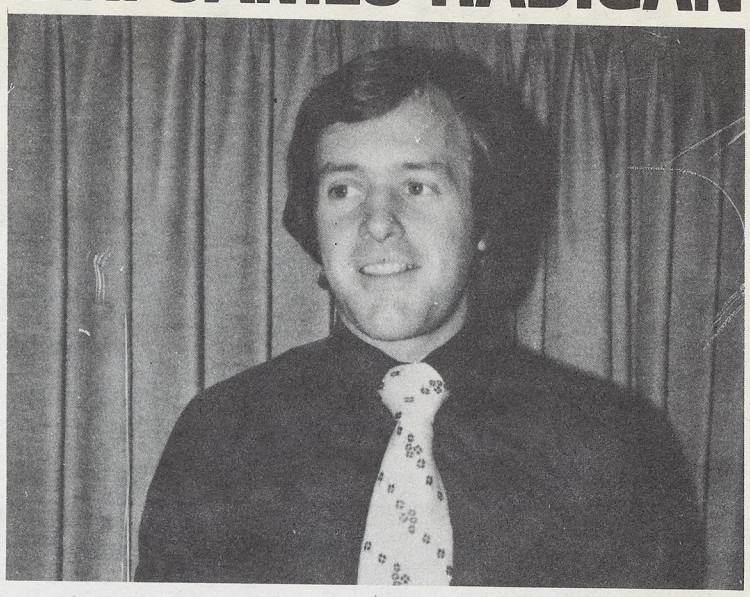
The Ford Fraternity of the Third Order of Saint Francis is an adjunct of the Third Order of Saint Francis, which is a **bona fide** organization consisting of members who make a novitiate and then go on to make life profession in the Order. The Ford Fraternity feeds members into the Order, which derives its basic ideals and goals from the life of Saint Francis of Assisi.

In keeping with this philosophy, the fraternity is involved in many worthy activities throughout the school year. Two such activities occurred in December, the toy drive and the orphan's Christmas party. The toy drive was a big success, with many members of the student body donating toys to the orphan children of the Family Reception Center. About thirty-five of these children were present at the Christmas party in the cafeteria, where they received their toys and then brought the remaining ones to the other children at the orphanage. The party, complete with a disc jockey, elves and, of course, Santa Claus, was a real delight put together by a group of truly caring people.

The fraternity is now planning a stamp drive. Students are asked to bring cancelled stamps to the general office. The fraternity will receive money for these stamps, which will be sent to a retirement home in Texas. As for future events, the fraternity is planning a dance in March, the proceeds of which will go to charity, and a retreat for the entire fraternity.

Many of these activities are put together by the fraternity council, along with fraternity members who meet on Monday nights at 7:30. This council consists of Frank Esposito (a Ford alumnus who graduated in 1976), Gina Corigan (the first girl on the council), Mark Mattei, Brian Jennings, Nick DeSilvio and Joe Ienuso. Both Mattei and Jennings plan to make a profession this year, which is a declaration required on formally entering the fraternity.

FACULTY FOCUS: MR. JAMES RADIGAN



John Panicali

On August 9, 1949 a woman by the name of Mrs. Radigan gave birth to a boy by the name of James Radigan. Little did she know that this little boy would grow up to be what most people consider one of Ford's finer math teachers.

As James grew up he attended St. Rita's Grammer School in Queens. At St. Rita's he began taking an interest in mathematics. From his graduation at St. Rita's he went on to attend Mater Christi High School where he participated in many school activities such as bowling and the school newspaper. From there he moved on to Fordham University where he majored in math and worked for his bachelor's degree. He then attended N.Y.U. where he successfully obtained his master's degree. After graduating N.Y.U. he began his search for a job as a math teacher at a high school. Shortly after he found a job at Bishop Ford Diocesan High School; he has been teaching for eight years. When I asked him why he chose to be a teacher and teach mathematics, he replied, "Math gives you a system where everything fits together and works out perfectly no matter what approach you take. I plan on teaching it to every pupil I can." He also added that, "It's not what you teach, it's who you teach, and I enjoy working with high school kids very much."

In his spare time he enjoys going bowling and when he gets a chance he skis. He is presently the moderator of Bishop Ford's bowling team, in which capacity he gives his time to sixteen members of the squad. When he was asked how he felt about the new Bishop Ford, he said, "I think we lost a lot of good people, but we're better off handling our own finances."

I asked him what his future plans were and he told me that he plans on taking life one day at a time and maybe getting married some day.

PRESIDENT CARTER: NUTS TO YOU!

John A. Barnes

Now that Jimmy Carter has been in office for a year, it seems an appropriate time to review his accomplishment's, or his lack of them, depending on how you want to look at it.

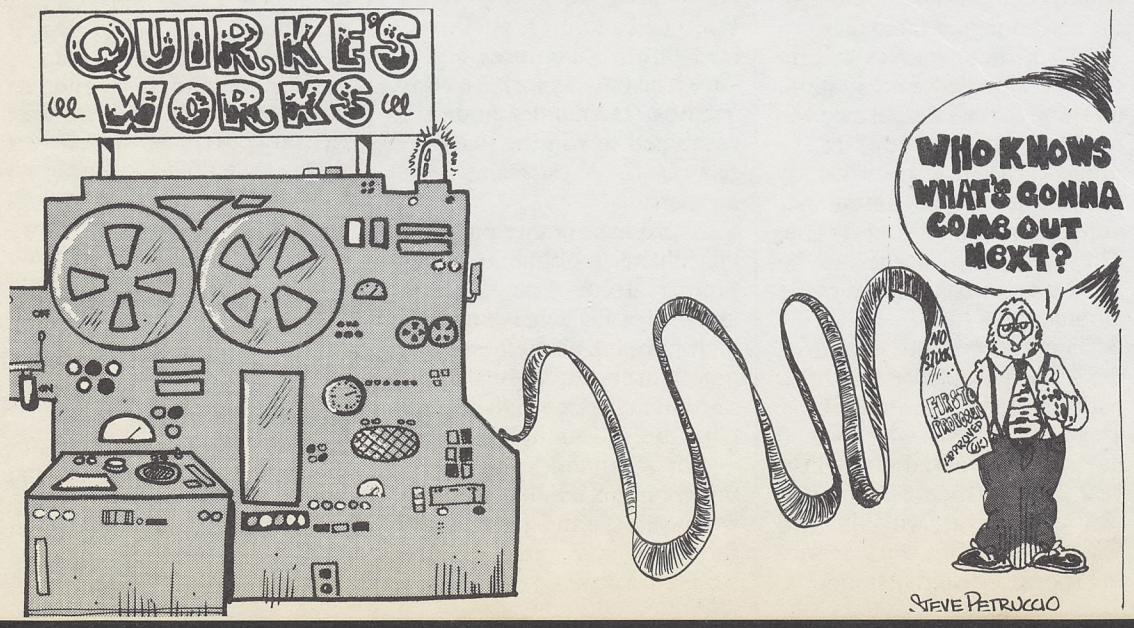
Candidate Carter promised to cut down the size of the Federal Government. What did he do? He created a whole new department, Energy, and he's asking for another, Education. Carter also pledged "I will never raise your taxes." So what happened? He put together a huge tax increase package and labeled it an "Energy Program," hoping that nobody would notice it for what it really was. He didn't even try to disguise his social security tax increase, which, conveniently, doesn't take effect until after the 1978 elections.

Another of his campaign themes was a promise to help our ailing cities. The major urban problem is high unemployment among minority teenages. What the Administration did was to support an increase in the minimum wage to $2.65 an hour. This raises the cost of employing a minority teenager, which practically guarantees that unemployment will worsen, which will raise the cost of policing the cities and put more people on welfare.

In his zeal to do something for the consumer, Carter has cut back on imports of inexpensive, foreign-made shoes in hopes that the poor of the nation will be encouraged to lead healthier, barefoot lives. And since TV programs teach nothing useful anyway, the Administration has restricted imports of color TV's, which will raise prices by 15%. Sex and violence, will, judging by Carter's action, be less attractive in black and white.

And on the global front things don't look much better. The seven-nation, nine-day swing through Europe, the Mideast and India closed out the year. Things got off to a bad start in Poland with that translator telling the Poles we were seeking knowledge of their sex lives and slipping in a few Russian words on top of that. In India, Carter said into an open mike that Cy Vance should send a "cold and very blunt letter" to the Indians on their refusal to sign a nuclear treaty.

FRANKIE FALCON:



GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME

Damien O'Donnell

In the early months of 1964, four musicians landed at J.F.K. International Airport in New York. There to greet them were thousands of screaming people who were mainly teenagers, along with carloads of photographers and news reporters. Not much was known about these four men from Liverpool, England, except that their music had been widely accepted by the youths of different overseas countries. The names of these men were John, Paul, George and Ringo, and they will always be the "Beatles."

While in the U.S.A. the Beatles were to appear on the Ed Sullivan Show. With only a limited number of seats available for this performance, C.B.S. received thousands of requests for tickets.

The Beatles also appeared at Shea Stadium to a capacity crowd. On August 23, 1964 the Beatles played their first concert at the Hollywood bowl. The concert drew 17,000 people, and their screaming voices drowned out the noise of jets flying overhead. The Beatles returned to the Hollywood Bowl a year later for another performance with very much the same results. Their last live concert was at Candlestick Park in San Francisco on September 12, 1966.

Three movies were made about the four Liverpudlians: the first two starred the Beatles, and the last was an animated cartoon about them. The first movie was "A Hard Day's Night," the name, also, of the title song. The film was a well-produced combination of comedy and early Beatle hit songs. Their second film, whose title song was "Help," was not of the same calibre as "A Hard Day's Night" because there was less music. The film had a plot which involved Ringo being followed by a group of Arabs who were after a ring that had been given to him.

The third film was a cartoon entitled "Yellow Submarine." It portrayed the four Beatles traveling the sea in a yellow submarine. The songs used were mainly from the album "Sargent Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," which is considered one of their best albums.

Their last album, "Let it Be," is said to be their worst. The cover features a picture of each Beatle individually, rather than a group shot. "Let it Be" was released on May 8, 1970, and on that day John Lennon announced to the press that the Beatles had broken up. Thus, the group known as the Beatles was no more; they were now four men on their own.

Some people feel the Beatles are gone forever, but I feel the Beatles will live forever, maybe not as a group, but as a style of music. Shows such as "Beatlemania" have stirred old memories, and the release of a two-record album called "Love Songs" has contributed to this spirit.

Many reasons have been offered for their break up, but my own belief is that they were four extremely talented men, and talent was their doom.

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM THE PRIDE OF FORD

The Bishop Ford Varsity Basketball team are off to their best start in years, with an outstanding record of 11-3, 4-4 in the league. The Falcons are tied for second place in the C.H.S.A.A. Brooklyn division due in large part to the professional coaching of Mr. Raymond Nash.

Heading off the twelve-man squad are Co-captains Paul Daly (senior) and Edgar Dela Rosa (senior). They are the leaders of the team and they run both drills and practices. "Paul and Edgar are top players, as well as great guys," states Frank Giglioli. The other starting players are Dan Leary (senior), Frank Giglioli (senior) and Chris Logan (junior), with the first player off the bench being Guy Pepe (junior), followed by Tom Collins (junior), Kevin Courtney (junior), Jose Cabrera (junior) and Joe Lombardo (junior).

An outstanding asset of this year's team is its offense, as evidenced by 6'4" Giglioli, who averages over twenty points per game, and 6'2" Leary, who has a shooting average of 77.

Another great asset of this team is its speed, primarily in the guard position, sparked by 5'9" Daly, 5'9" Pepe and 6'1" Dela Rosa. Aside from being fast, Dela Rosa is probably the best defensive player in the league.

The Falcons are a fine example of team spirit as Frank Giglioli sees it: "We're a very closely-knit team." They are a well balanced team, with no individuals, no **prima donnas**, a group of hard-working players playing good team basketball.

Mr. Nash sees to it that the players are well conditioned for playing, holding practices for two and one-half hours after school every day, and this fine work shows in their record. As for the few times Ford has lost, Mr. Nash feels, "Winning takes care of the losing." It is to be hoped that by the time this issue of the **Highpoint** comes out, Ford will be in the playoffs.

The coaches and members of Ford's Varsity Basketball Team pictured above are as follows:**front row** Kevin Courtney (junior), Al Lopez (senior), Paul Daly (senior), Guy Pepe (junior), Bill Snider (junior). **back row** Assistant Coach John Spicijaric (senior), Tom Collins (junior), Jose Cabrera (junior), Edger Dela Rosa (senior), Chris Logan (junior), Dan Leary (senior), Frank Giglioli (senior), Assistant Coach Donald O'Donnell (senior), Coach Raymond Nash.

FIRST AID... BEGINS AT FORD

Judy Stachow

First aid courses will be offered after school throughout the year. They will be conducted in connection with the American Red Cross. The instructor for these courses will be Brother Myles Davis, O.S.F., a teacher in this school. Brother Myles, who has received several certifications from the American Red Cross, is also a licensed New York State Emergency Medical Technician (E.M.T.). Presently, he holds the position of President of the Bay Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. (B.R.A.V.O.).

At this time the courses will probably be "Multi-media Standard First Aid" and "Standard First Aid and Personal Safety." Both courses would include the following topics: types of wounds and treatment, eye injuries, head injuries, abdominal injuries, shock, respiratory emergencies and artificial respiration, choking, poisoning, drug abuse, burns and their treatment, cold exposure, heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heart attacks, bone injuries and methods of bandaging, etc.

Course work would include reading, homework, and plenty of practical experience by students "working" on each other. The number of students, however, would be limited to about twenty. Fees for this course would be about five dollars for the textbook and bandages.

Also, these courses will include an ambulance orientation, meaning that an ambulance will be brought to school to be studied. The students will study the interior of an ambulance and its equipment and its use. They will also learn how to work on someone in a moving ambulance.

Upon successful completion, the student would be registered with the Red Cross and receive a certification card which would have to be renewed after three years. From then on, the student could work with the Red Cross in an ambulance service in his or her neighborhood.

MAKING TRACKS

Glen Dredger

During the school year there are three seasons in track. Here at Ford we have finished the cross country season, and now starts the indoor season. Many people participate in track, but there are only eight people who can make the varsity. You must be the best at what you run to be in the top eight.

Making up the varsity are W. MacKay, V. Vientos, J. Hernandez, R. Campolo, J. Fonti (all juniors), R. Powers (the only sophomore) and S. Arce (the only senior). MacKay, Vientos, Hernandez and Arce combined to win the two-mile relay in the West Point Invitational.

Ford has another outstanding athlete in sophomore high jumper John Tracy. He is known for his achievements in high jumping as the best sophomore in the city. He also finished in first place in the Brooklyn-Queens Championships.

Mr. Fernandez had this to say about his team: "This year we have a young team, so we should do well, but next year we should do even better."

LED ZEPPELIN FLIES HIGH

Glen Olsen

Recently a number of students were polled on their music tastes. Milton Vazquez, Karl Brown and Yvonne Quintero all seem to agree that the best rock group is LED ZEPPELIN, although they would get an argument from Bill Briotta and Barbara Cronin, who say it was the BEATLES. Still others, like Stephen Fratangelo, feel it is the GRATEFUL DEAD. Danette Aubain says it is CHICAGO, and Harry Williams thinks it is STEPPENWOLF.

The majority of people seem to feel that BOSTON is the best new group. People who went against BOSTON are Bill Briotta, saying it is FLEETWOOD MAC, Stephen Fratangelo, who feels it is the STEVE MILLER BAND, and Barbara Cronin, who thinks it is the EAGLES.

Milton Vazquez, Yvonne Quintero and Karl Brown seem to feel that PETER FRAMPTON is the best male vocalist. Other male vocalists range from NEIL YOUNG to BARRY MANILOW to JIM CROCE to JOHN DENVER.

Just about all of those polled agree that LINDA RONSTADT is the best female vocalist, although Yvonne Quintero feels it is DONNA SUMMERS.

Most students prefer rock music, but girls like Yvonne Quintero and boys like Milton would rather listen to disco music.

When students were asked what they thought of ELVIS PRESLEY, almost all seemed to concur that he started it all, is the King of Rock-n-Roll, and were saddened by his untimely death.

SOMETHING OLD SOMETHING NEW

Hope Parisi

Strange as it may seem, Bishop Ford was not always the relaxed, easy going, liberal institution with which we're familiar today. Back in its days as a diocesan high school, Ford's personality manifested a few idiosyncracies in the discipline department, idiosyncracies which had to be respected none-the-less.

Teachers who chose to sing, "Love it or leave it!" often did not give students much time to decide, as boys quickly found themselves inside the Dean of Discipline's office for charges like smoking within two blocks of the school (not to mention on school premises!). Students were seen at lockerside **only** before class in the morning, before lunch and at dismissal. Those back in the building on Saturday were not always exceptionally devoted, but often, reporting for detention at 9:15 A.M.

The conservative dress code included suit jackets and ties! Modern hairstyles like D.A.'s were considered to be taboo.

Obviously, the results that survive today are the mere skeleton of what once were drastic restrictions. What some people went through just to call Bishop Ford their **alma mater!**